

C. S. J.

Friday, November 29, 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Cumberland Dugan three hundred and sixty nine Pounds three Shillings and three Pence.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to the said Cumberland Dugan the further Sum of two hundred and thirty five Pounds.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to John M^cFadon One hundred Pounds common money.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Doctor Lancelot Jacques thirteen Pounds fifteen Shillings

Copy of Letter N^o 32 was sent to the Delegates in Congress.

Ordered That M^r John Bullen and M^r Gabriell Duvall examine the Pikes delivered into the Magazine by William Nivon, and make Report of the Condition thereof to this Board.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

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No. 32.

[Council to Maryland Delegates.]

Gentlemen. We have several letters from M^r Chase of the 21st 22^d & 23rd ins^t before us, and are obliged to him for the intelligence therein communicated: the news is very bad, but our hearing it may be of service, and can do no prejudice. What he says about the commissioners we have adverted to, and are much concerned; 'tis not in our power to extricate them out of all difficulties. We are of opinion, and so we told them in our letter, that they may proceed to make the enlistment for three years on the bounty of twenty Dollars, agreeable to the last Resolve of Congress, but not to engage our State to pay any part of the bounty in Land. They are still under difficulties about the double enlistment, or in other words giving the alternative to each Soldier whether he will enlist for three years or during the war, we can say nothing on this head, but must refer the Gentlemen to the Resolves of Congress and Convention. it gives us pleasure to find by the last letter from M^r Chase, that the points in controversy are in a way to be adjusted, and that the Commissioners are likely to proceed on their journey to Camp. Should the Honbl^e Congress still persevere in their plan, we have no powers to make any concessions in direct opposition to the Resolves of our Convention. We take the enlistment for three years to stand consistent with the general Tenor of those Resolves, differing only in the circumstance of time;